

Integrated Regional Planning

INTEGRATION BEST PRACTICES AND STANDARDS
AND THE ROLE OF GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT
IN IRWM



IRWM and Standards

- **History**
 - Prop 13
 - Prop 40
 - Prop 50
 - Prop 84
- **Most were water agency based efforts**
- **Few excellent regional programs**
- **Lessons create opportunities for best practices and standards**



Broad Based Watershed Programs

- Concepts began in Prop 13
- Establishing best practices inhibited by competition
- Region competition reduced under Prop 84 language
- Performance based standards opportunity
- Not command and control but performance specification oriented facilitates Regional/Local control



What Standards?

- Performance based standards allow creativity and flexibility while focusing on results
- Implementation standards and collaboratively developed best practices
- Disadvantaged communities standards or requirements (look for legislation here)
- Reporting and monitoring standards
- Standards reduce paperwork and low value effort and focus on results
- Result in more funds going to actual projects



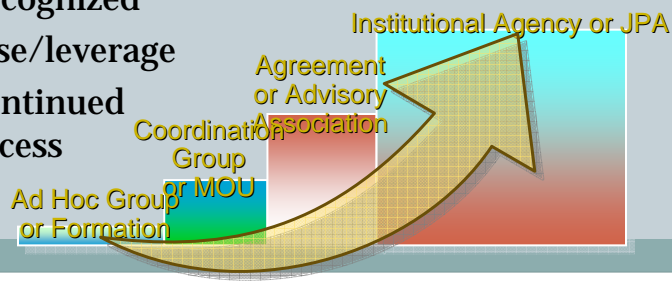
Conceptual Standard - Governance

- Coverage of area
- Representation of entities
- Participation of relevant and appropriate groups
- Authority
- Accessibility acceptance, and documentation
- Institutional capacity and fiscal responsibility /assurance
- Performance monitoring reporting evaluation and adaptation
- Program, policy development and improvement



Regional General Purpose Govt.

- Some of the best IRWM plans strongly included local general purpose government in the planning process
- Still frequently led by water related special districts
- Best is frequently the best of both worlds
- Broad public acceptance and economic reality for the region are recognized
- Efficient \$ use/leverage
- Critical to continued program success



Role of Associations and Councils of Govt.

- Existing constituency and capacity
- Outreach assistance to region
- Startup and governance assistance
- Peer review of bond fund implementation
- Not one stop because still missing
 - Economic/business connections
 - Inter-regional connections
 - NGO connections

